**WHAT'S COMING UP**

**AUGUST 2016**

Sat  20  to Fri 26  Book Week – *Australia! Story Country*

**Sat  27**  Trivia Night – to be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre commencing at 7:00pm. $15 per person.

**Mon  29** to Sun 4  National Literacy and Numeracy Week

**Tues  30** Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.

**Wed  31** Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.

**AUTISM Friendly Learning Hub PD Workshop** at Hamilton North Primary School 4:00pm – 5:00pm – Miss Berry, Miss Forbes and Ms Trahar will be attending this PD.

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Thurs  1**  A REMINDER TO BE “SUN SMART” - HATS MUST BE WORN from Thursday 1 September.

**Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.**

**Brain Gym for Special Needs and Disabilities PD Workshop in Warrnambool** – Miss Berry and Miss Forbes will be attending this PD.

**Fri 2**  Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.

**Prep and Year 1 Sleep Over at school.**

**Inter-School Chess Tournament to be held at the Hamilton Gray Street Primary School at 9:10am to 2:00pm.**

**Mon  5** Year 2/3 Norval Camp.

**Tues  6** Year 2/3 Norval Camp.

**Wed  7** Year 2/3 Norval Camp.

**Wed  7**  MARC Library.

**Year 4 and 5 students, Mrs Howard and Mrs Gilbert will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten from approx. 10:00am to 11:15am to read to prospective Prep children (2017) and join them for a morning snack and play as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.**

**Aussie Football Lightning Premiership** for Year 4 to 6 to be held in Hamilton (venue to be advised) from 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

**Thurs  15**  Ballarat Grammar Musical Performance to be held in the School Hall at 10:00am for the whole school.

**Fri 16**  Footy Colours Day. Students to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear beanies, scarves, jumpers etc of their Footy team. (Please note no footy activities will take place).

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

**OCTOBER 2016**

**Thurs  13** Western District Schools Spelling Competition to be held at Warrnambool Primary School at 7:00pm.

**Fri 14** The Greater Western Region Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat at Llanberris Athletics Track.

**Tue 18**  Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin entry.

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**2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES**

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**FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

Social Services Father’s Day Stall flier

SAKG Tomato Plants Order Form - to be returned by Friday 9 September.

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**Book Week Parade**

**Friday 26 August 2016 9:15am in the School Hall**

Students to dress up as their favourite book character (they will be required to change in to school uniform at the conclusion of the parade).

All Welcome.
From Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We were recently contacted by Mr Des Trotter (Trotter’s Bus Lines) who asked if he could come to one of our assemblies to speak to the children of our school. The great story behind this request was that Des was moved to want to acknowledge the actions of some of our children. Throughout the AFL season, Des occasionally drops in free tickets to AFL matches, which are keenly taken up by the children. Consequently, our students have mailed ‘thank you notes/cards’ to Des.

Put simply, Des was genuinely impressed with the simple gesture of ‘thank you’. I write of this because I think sometimes we undervalue ‘the little things’. I often say to our students at assembly, “the little things are big.” So when your child comes home with an acknowledgement card for helping, or saying hello, or saying thank you, or being sensible, or being brave, or encouraging others, or having a conversation with the teacher, or trying hard, or persisting… like Des, the teachers are moved to acknowledge such actions. Make a big deal of it, even if it is little… because it is big.

Thank you Des for also leaving two double passes for the last AFL round.

Recently posted on our school website:

At Dunkeld Consolidated School, we are taking part in two journeys: the first one being that of our school. We are striving to be better at everything we do and we are setting genuinely challenging goals for ourselves, some of which require us to change our practices, learn new approaches to teaching and learning, and putting the safety of children at the very centre of everything we do. We are looking to implement and develop a culture of courageous learners who will take risks in the face of failure. We want children to be flexible and creative in their thinking. We want children to experience the sense of joy from succeeding when challenged with something really difficult. We want them to have a purpose and sense of authenticity in what they do. And we want them to do the thinking and the work… not the teachers. We are boldly striving for such a culture and we are resolute in pursuing these ideals no matter how difficult or how long it will take.

The second journey is that of our students and in particular those who are joining us as Prep Students (Foundation Level). These children will be the students who we hope will benefit most from the journey described above. These young people have so much to look forward to, and we would like them to reach their capacity in all that they pursue. Importantly we want children, in their journey here at Dunkeld Consolidated School to develop their ability to empathise with others and to understand how they fit into a complex social setting. That is why we have embraced the social and emotional learning program, ‘Play Is The Way’ which asks much of children, at all times, in every aspect of their life at the school.

Welcome to the adventure, boys and girls and welcome to our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

The inaugural Dunkeld Consolidated School Trivia night is THIS SATURDAY 27 AUGUST! This is an opportunity to raise much needed funds to support the camps program which benefits our children. Tim Jackson and Valetta Bolton have prepared brain teasers to appeal to a wide group and it’s going to be a ripper night. Tickets are $15 and available at school or at the door on Saturday night.

In his Principal’s Report, Mr Paul Jeffreys presented detailed information on the 2016 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) results, pointing out that our school results have generally been trending positively over the last three years in all areas tested.

At this week’s meeting, School Council adopted the following policies - Care Arrangements for Ill Students Policy and Working With Children Check Policy and Procedures. Thanks to the Policy Sub-Committee for your work on these.

At our July meeting, Mrs Ally Gordon was co-opted to School Council as the P & F Association’s representative.

Finally, we have fantastic parent and community volunteers at the School. I’d like to acknowledge Ben Kelly for the huge mowing on a recent cold blustery Sunday, and to all parents who have assisted on the Mowing Roster, and for Jo Aarons’ work in the library, mentored by Mrs Sue Smith. The library is looking great, and especially on Book Week, Jo and Sue, we acknowledge the impact of your work in expanding our children’s experiences through different types of books.

See you on Saturday night - get those thinking caps on!
Lucinda Peterson, School Council President

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

BIG BLOKES BREAKFAST – School Council has approved the Big Blokes Breakfast to be held on Tuesday 8 November, in conjunction with Movember! Breakfast will be held from 7:30am to 8:45am. Further details will follow.

Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12 September 2016 at 7:30pm at the school.

MARC LIBRARY

The students have all been very excited to see the arrival of the new MARC van. The van is a 416 Mercedes Sprinter with a long-wheel base to fit lots of books. The van was purchased with money from the eight participating MARC schools and with assistance from the Department of Education. The books on the new van are sorted into categories including fiction, non-fiction, picture story, beginning chapter and a special section full of the most popular books. The van was purchased from Geelong, the shelves were inst

SCHOOL HATS are to be worn from Thursday 1 September as per the School’s Sun Smart UV Policy.

2016 SCHOOL CAMPS

Parents are reminded that Year 4/5/6 students are to be at school at 8:30am on Tuesday 30 August for a 9:00am departure. Children are required to bring a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the first day only (no fizzy soft drinks). Medications with written instructions for administration are to be handed to a staff member prior to the camp. Staff attending camp will be Mr Paul Jeffreys, Mrs Ann Howard and Mrs Anne Gilbert. (Cost of the Year 4/5/6 Bendigo, Echuca,
Swan Hill Camp is $290/student which is subsidised by School Council.

Year 2/3 students will depart at 9:15am sharp on Monday 5 September for their Norval Camp. Children will require lunch on the first day as for a normal school day but in a throw away container. Any medications (and instructions) must be handed to staff members – Mrs Jane Higgins or Mr James Stephens on arrival at school on the Monday morning. Mrs Alison Prentice will also be attending this camp as a parent helper. (Cost of the Year 2/3 Norval Camp is $140/student which is subsidised by School Council).

VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Thursday some Dunkeld students went to a golf tournament at Parklands in Hamilton. There were over 100 people at the event. The top four girls go to Warnambool and top four boys. Well done to Josh Gordon who won, you killed it and I came 7th. Well done to Ashleigh McNaughton, Tom Kent, Sam Cullinane, Sarah Symes, William Kent, Joshua Gordon and Charlie Field. Josh and I are going to Warnambool on 14 November. Thank you to Mr Tony Collier for all his hard work in organising this event. By Zach Burgess Year 6

On Thursday 11 August 2016 eight people participated at Parklands Golf Club, they played in the junior tournament. They were Sam Cullinane, Will Kent, Zach Burgess, Charlie Field, Tom Kent, Ashleigh McNaughton, Sarah Symes and I. Even though it was muddy and wet, the sun was shining. We were separated into two groups they were Ashleigh, Sarah, Tom and Charlie and in the other were Zach, Sam, Will and I. We played nine shortened holes around the front nine. Zach and I are going to Warnambool. I had a great day; I shot the winning score with 35. By Josh Gordon, Year 6

GRASS BioCATS EXCURSION

On Monday 15 August the Year 5/6’s went to BioCats in Geelong, it took forever on the bus but it was worth it. We went to the Simonds Stadium which is pretty big. We participated in lots of activities including a quest around the stadium then we did personal activities like our fastest time a quest around the Social Services. For the session I stuck the most on counting all the numbers on all the billboards above our heads. We all had lots of fun, and got a day off school!!! By Brooke Hill, Year 5

On Monday the Grade 5/6 got up at 6.00am!!! I even got my blanket pulled off my bed, and to make matters worse, the bus trip was two and half hours! But in the end, it was all worth it. Dunkeld was put in a group with Penshurst and Cavendish. Firstly, we had our snack, then we went outside to do some hand bailing, sprinting and long distance running, my score in hand bailing was 52. Next we went to do an amazing race, I was paired with Ben and Sam, we had an hour’s go at all of the stations and answer all the questions. We got stuck the most on counting all the numbers on all the billboards above our heads. We all had lots of fun, and got a day off school!!! By Edward Williamson, Year 5

On 15 August, all Grade 5 and four Grade 6’s went to Geelong to do BioCats. We had to wake up at 5:30am to catch the bus! BioCats is an activity session. During the session you do Football related activities. It helps to show all the science and maths that comes in footy. The activities included - handball game, GPS speed test, GPS distance test and The Football version of the Amazing Race. It was really exhilarating and exciting to travel there and obviously do all the really fun activities. By Anna Schurmann, Year 6

NAPLAN 2016

NAPLAN student reports for Year 3 and 5 have been sent home today.

OLYMPICS DAY 2016

On 8 August, Dunkeld Consolidated School participated in Olympics Day. In the morning, we went to lots of different activities. My group was South Africa. First we went to the Prep and Grade 1 room and did colouring and/or codes. We also put squares of paper on the Olympic flag to make it colourful. Then we went to Branding and Symbols to colour in and make masks to wear in the parade. We also went to the Grade 4 room to research a sport of our choice. I did Equestrian Events. We also learned about Vinicius, the 2016 Rio Mascot. Last we went to the art room to make the South African flag out of paper. By Lillian Glazebrook, Year 2

On Monday 8 August, at Dunkeld Consolidated School, we had an Olympic Day. The whole school was split into four different countries. The countries were South Africa, Germany, Argentina and China. I was in South Africa with Rachel Hassett, Charlie Field and Charlie Adams. For the whole day, until lunch time, we went and did different activities, in different classrooms. In the activities we did before lunch there were: Olympic Sports research with Mrs Gilbert, Branding and Symbols with Miss Forbes and Mrs Howard, Flags and Facts with Mrs Higgins and Mr Stephens and there was also Olympic Rings and Athletes with Miss Berry. At the end of the day, after lunch, we did all the different Olympic sports. We participated in Equestrian, Tug-of-war, Frisbee Discus, Egg and Spoon Relay, Cup and Sand Relay and Shot Put. By Monet Graha, Year 4

The Olympics Day was fun. My favourite part of Olympic Day was the frisbee throwing contest. We had an opening ceremony and that was great fun. We got to go and make a head band and my team made a small flag and a big team flag. We marched out and we were chanting our team name which was Argentina and that was very cool. By Oliver Fenwick, Year 6

FATHER’S DAY STALL ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

On Friday 26 August the Social Services Father’s Day Stall will take place at 10:30am on the undercover walkway.

For all enquiries, please contact Naomie Phillips on 0429 998 504 or email: naomie.phillips@hotmail.com

Signing in and out at our School

A reminder that all visitors to our school including classroom helpers, SAKG Friends, parents, tradesmen etc must sign in and out at the front office to ensure the safety of all staff, students and school visitors, particularly in the event of an emergency situation.

PREP/YEAR 1 Sleep Over Friday 2 September 2016

Students are to be dropped off to school by 6:00pm and picked up on Saturday morning between 8:30am to 9:00am (no later than 9:00am). BYO bedding and teddy! Parents are asked to set up their children’s beds before they leave.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

Year 6 Royal Mail Experience

Last Thursday we accepted an invitation to tour the Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden and the Royal Mail Hotel to experience how the Chefs harvest prepare and share from their kitchen garden to the dining room.

Michelle Shanahan, head gardener, welcomed us and took us on a tour where we were to discover five ingredients being prepared for us in the kitchen: salsify, cauliflower, carrots, banana passionfruit and the beehive. On arrival at the Royal Mail Hotel Chef Andre McLoughlin gave the students a tour of the kitchen. He explained each section and which Chef prepares which part of the meal. He introduced them to Chefs from New Zealand, Tasman, Nepal and Vietnam. After much discussion and asking many important questions, the Year 6 students ordered from a choice of three main dishes and three desserts. We were very lucky to also taste two amuse bouch dishes, dishes to cleanse the palate, of ‘green eggs and ham’ and ‘duck egg ice-cream’. The Menu read as follows:

Main
- great ocean road duck, snails, bergamot, hemp, black pudding
- blue eye, garden potatoes, apply, curry sauce
- Royal Mail sirloin, cauliflower, malted barley, pickle egg yolk

Dessert
- passionfruit cheesecake, white chocolate, thyme
- citrus pavlova, organic cream, lemon myrtle
- milk and honey

Thank you to the Royal Mail Hotel for giving us this wonderful experience, all of the staff made us feel very welcome and I am sure the students will not forget this amazing experience for a long time.

Year 1 Students visit our SAKG Kitchen

We welcome the Year 1 students to the Kitchen on Thursday, to give them an experience of harvesting, preparing and sharing in the kitchen. Thank you to our Friends of the Kitchen Garden who are rostered on that day. We look forward to sharing our lunch together.

Thank you to those who purchased oranges over the past two weeks. Your donations to SAKG are very much appreciated.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden...

We are very proud and thankful for the help of our wonderful Friends each week. In particular, the last couple of weeks have been hectic, and as I wasn’t available for some of the classes, some notes were left for the Friends, teachers and students to follow, while I wasn’t there – and it all went smoothly and efficiently. I am so pleased and proud of everyone that was able to help me – Thank You!

Our Grade 6 students were invited to visit the Royal Mail Hotel for lunch last week, and it was just a delightful visit. We began with a very interesting and informative tour of their Kitchen Garden, where we observed many familiar, and some not so familiar plants growing. Michelle Shanahan kindly showed us around, and we were very impressed (and jealous!) with many aspects within her garden, but especially the impressive compost heap – and the tractor they have to turn it!! Michelle very generously gave each student an envelope – and it was in her secret compost recipe – they are very lucky to receive that! I thank Michelle and all the staff that assisted us in the Royal Mail Hotel, as they made the children (and adults!) comfortable and confident in asking questions, and their knowledge, assistance and attention to detail was remarkable. They were also not without honesty and humour, which was greatly appreciated by the patrons! Thank you all for making the experience so enjoyable and educational for us all.

We must thank Mr Colin Dunkley from “Hamilton Trees” this week, as he again donated a variety of native shrubs to plant around our garden. The children planted and guarded them last week (the macropods love these plants, so it is an ongoing planting program…) These plants will provide a wind protection, but most importantly a habitat, protection and a food source for small birds and insects, increasing our school’s biodiversity and thus the health of our garden, plants and people!

Finally, a huge thanks to Ms Heather Cash who has initiated and acted on the concept of raising funds for the SAKG program through the growing and then selling of tomato seedlings, and to Ted Allender from "ERA Nurseries" in Hamilton, who was asked by Heather to help us – and so he has kindly donated time, space, technology and pots to assist with our latest fundraising effort. Approximately 2000 seeds were sown last week, and they will be available to collect in early October. Please see the order form sheet attached to this newsletter. Order forms with payment to be forwarded to school BY FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER.

We are so, so lucky to have such generous people living in our community!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

Hamilton Netball Competition – Term 4

Looking for anyone who may be interested in taking part in the Term 4 netball competition to be held at Pedrina Park, Hamilton. Dunkeld Consolidated School is looking to enter an under 11’s team. The session starts on Saturday 8 October and concludes Saturday 3 December (9 weeks). Total amount per junior is, $49 VNA (unless previously paid this year) and $45 game fees. The team will need to provide a coach, team manager and umpire. If you have a child that would be interested in playing and also if you are able to take on a role, can you please contact me on 0429 170 381 by Friday 26 August so I can register the team.

Alison Prentice, Sports Co-Ordinator